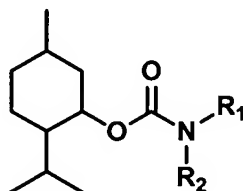


In the Claims:

1.(original) Use as an insect repellent of a compound of the formula



wherein,

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of H; an aliphatic residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, or a cycloaliphatic residue having 5 to 14 carbon atoms, or an aliphatic or cycloaliphatic residue aforementioned containing one or more hetero-atoms selected from O, N or S; an aryl or heteroaryl group having from 6 to 14 carbon atoms and wherein hetero-atoms are selected from O, N or S; or any of the aforementioned groups substituted with a group selected from, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, aryl or heteroaryl as defined above, aryloxy, amino-, amido-, ester, keto-, hydroxyl, and halogen, or

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5- or 6-membered ring that may optionally contain additional hetero-atoms selected from O, N or S.

2.(original) Use according to claim 1 wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of

Methyl-carbamic acid (–)-menthyl ester;

Ethyl-carbamic acid (–)-menthyl ester;

Butyl-carbamic acid (–)-menthyl ester;

Isobutyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester;  
Diethyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester;  
Pyrrolidine-1-carboxylic acid (-)-menthyl ester;  
Piperidine-1-carboxylic acid (-)-menthyl ester;  
Morpholine-4-carboxylic acid (-)-menthyl ester;  
Phenyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester; and  
3-[(-)-menthoxy-carbonylamino]-propionic acid ester.

3.(original) A compound selected from the group consisting of n-butyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester; iso-butyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester; diethyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester; morpholine-4-carboxylic acid (-)-menthyl ester; and 3-[(-)-menthoxy-carbonylamino]-propionic acid ester.

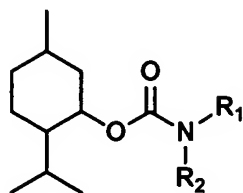
4.(currently amended) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 ~~as defined in any of the preceding claims~~ in an insect-repellent amount.

5.(original) A composition according to claim 4 comprising at least one additional insect repellent.

6.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 4 ~~or claim 5~~ comprising additionally at least one insecticide.

7.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 4 ~~any one of the claims 4 to 6~~ comprising additionally at least one fragrance ingredient.

8.(original) A method of repelling insects by applying to a substrate a preparation comprising at least one compound of the formula



wherein,

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of H; an aliphatic residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, or a cycloaliphatic residue having 5 to 14 carbon atoms, or an aliphatic or cycloaliphatic residue aforementioned containing one or more hetero-atoms selected from O, N or S; an aryl or heteroaryl group having from 6 to 14 carbon atoms and wherein hetero-atoms are selected from O, N or S; or any of the aforementioned groups substituted with a group selected from, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, aryl or heteroaryl as defined above, aryloxy, amino-, amido-, ester, keto-, hydroxyl, and halogen, or

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5- or 6-membered ring that may optionally contain additional hetero-atoms selected from O, N or S.